

## RACES



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# 2024-25 NOTICE OF RACE



This document, combined with each respective event's Supplemental Notice of Race, comprises that event's Notice of Race required by RRS 89.2(a).

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Southern Ocean Racing Conference is the Race Committee for each race, which is organized under the authority of one or more member yacht clubs, including the Coral Reef Yacht Club, the Lauderdale Yacht Club, the Storm Trysail Club, the Nassau Yacht Club, and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.
- 1.2 Each race will be governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (Rules, RRS) in effect at the start of the race, including the class rules of the respective classes involved.
- 1.4 From sunset to sunrise, Part 2 of the Rules shall not apply and shall be replaced by Part B, The Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).
- 1.5 For each event, the terms "Notice of Race" (NOR) and "Sailing Instructions" (SI) required by RRS 89.2(a) and 90.2(a) respectively include the Master and Supplemental versions of those documents, as well as any amendments thereto.
- 1.6 In case of conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. (This changes RRS63.7.)
- 1.7 A boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current rating certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.
- 1.8 Boats shall carry an AIS Transponder consistent with SER 3.9 and capable of transmitting and receiving throughout the race. Competitors shall use their best efforts to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (i.e. transmitting and receiving) one hour before the warning signal and throughout the race. Competitors shall ensure that the name of the boat is transmitted rather than just the MMSI number.
- 1.9 Advertising shall be per ISAF Regulation 20.
- 1.10 Personal AIS transponders are required for each crewmember.
- 1.11 Provided that her rating certificate indicates that power winches have been declared, a boat is permitted to use power winches when racing. This changes RRS 52.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Each race is open to ocean racing/cruising monohull and multihull boats of the following classes whose owner is a member of his/her national authority and who comply with the requirements of the following classes:
  - 2.1.1 Offshore Racing Congress (ORC), boats with an offshore long distance Time on Time rating factor of 0.880 and higher.
  - 2.1.2 Double-handed boats meeting the listed safety requirements.

- 2.1.3 Multihulls of ocean racing/cruising type with enclosed cabins, and permanent accommodations, complying with the requirements of the rating system chosen by each race. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with its definition of an "ocean racing/cruising type" Multihull boat.
- 2.1.4 PHRF - boats rated by PHRF of Southeast Florida with a maximum handicap of 160.
- 2.2 Prior to the Early Entry Deadline, the race committee may create a new class when five or more boats so request, or reassign registered boats to other classes if at least five boats have not registered.
- 2.3 Boats must meet at least one of the following to be eligible:
  - 2.3.1 Has a minimum Stability Index of 103.
  - 2.3.2 Is a true sister ship of a boat in the US Sailing IMS Master File with a Stability Factor of at least 103.
  - 2.3.3 Meets the requirements of ISO 12217-2B.
- 3 CREW LIMITS**
- 3.1 Crew Limits for the following classes are:
  - 3.1.1 ORC: Total crew weight limits are shown on rating certificates, and individual crew weights must be declared during registration. To change the weight limit from the default value, contact the national rating authority for a certificate issued with the declared weight limit.
  - 3.1.2 Offshore One Design Classes: class limit plus one.
  - 3.1.3 PHRF: class limit plus one.
- 3.2 Except for Doublehanded classes, all boats shall carry a minimum crew of 4 (four). Each race may allow lower limits in its Supplemental NOR.
- 4 ENTRY**
- 4.1 Boats may enter a race registering on the race web site [www.sorcsailing.org](http://www.sorcsailing.org).
- 4.2 Entry Deadlines are described in each race's Supplemental NOR.
- 4.3 Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 USD or the equivalent.
- 4.4 A boat shall submit her final rating certificate no later than the Entry Deadline. Ratings and preliminary class assignments will be posted on each race's web site and Official Notice Board prior to the Skippers Meeting. In the event a sail is damaged or destroyed, the Race Committee may approve a written request to replace the sail, and update the rating if necessary, if it posts the request, decision, and new rating on the Official Notice Board prior to the Skippers Meeting
- 5 ENTRY FEES**
- 5.1 Entry Fees will be described in each race's Supplemental NOR.
- 5.2 Entry Fees are fully refundable until each race's Entry Deadline, which has been extended to the latest date possible for the effective organization of each race.

**6 SCHEDULE**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Race Date</u>
St. Pete to Fort Lauderdale Race	November 20, 2024
Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race	January 9, 2025
Nassau Cup Ocean Race	February 20, 2025

Note: SORC serves as the Race Committee for the Wirth Munroe (Palm Beach) Race on December 6, 2024, and the event is scored as part of the Islands in the Stream series, but this event has a separate OA with separate race documents.

**7 COURSES**

Courses will be summarized in each race's Supplemental NOR and described in its SIs.

**8 SAFETY**

- 8.1 Each race's Supplemental NOR contains important safety rules.
- 8.2 Each boat shall have non-electronic charts that encompass the race area.
- 8.3 The Race Committee may inspect any boat for compliance with this section without prior warning before the start or after the finish.

**9 AWARDS PARTY**

Locations and details for awards parties will be described in each race's Supplemental NOR.

**10 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES**

- 10.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix "A" will be used.
- 10.2 The course distance for rating purposes will be described in each race's Supplemental NOR.
- 10.3 For all other classes, a boat's rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

**11 RACE TRACKING DEVICES**

- 11.1 In addition to any other device required in each race's Safety Regulations, each boat shall be equipped with an active SPOT or Garmin/InReach position transponder, be subscribed to the "Track Progress" option offered by SPOT or Garmin/InReach, and to provide the Race Committee with the "shared URL" for the purpose of inclusion in the official race tracking program.
- 11.2 The tracking unit shall be mounted and operated throughout the race in accordance with the instructions provided. Only the race committee may protest a boat for an alleged violation of this section.
- 11.3 SPOT or Garmin/InReach tracking data may not be used as evidence in a protest. This changes RRS 63.6(a).

**12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 12.1 Sailing Instructions for each race shall be posted no later than one week prior to the start of the race.
- 12.2 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the Official Notice Board.

**13 SKIPPERS MEETING**

- 13.1 A representative of each boat shall attend the Skippers Meeting for each race, whether in-person or virtual.
- 13.2 Each boat shall be required to complete and submit to the Race Committee at or prior to the Skippers Meeting an accurate crew list, required waiver(s) and equipment declaration form in exchange for their race packet.

**14 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place finishers in each division/class, provided at least five entries per division/class. Additional prizes may be awarded.

**15 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE**

While racing, boats may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from published sources available to all competitors. Subscription services, password protected or restricted access web pages, as well as phone conversations and text messages that contain any such information are not allowed. Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of RRS 41.

**16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event, including skippers and crew, are participating entirely at their own risk. (See Rule 3, Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority and Race Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

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# Saint Petersburg - Fort Lauderdale

November 20 - 23, 2024



## 2024 NOTICE OF RACE (SUPPLEMENTAL)

This document, combined with the SORC Master Notice of Race, comprises the Notice of Race for the Saint Petersburg to Fort Lauderdale Race. Numbered sections in this document are supplements to, not replacements for, equivalently numbered sections in the Master NOR.

In the event of any conflicting terms between this Supplement and the SORC Master Notice of Race, this Supplement shall prevail.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Saint Petersburg Yacht Club and Lauderdale Yacht Club are the Organizing Authority for the event, managed by the Southern Ocean Racing Conference (SORC).
- 1.2 Only U.S. Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), and 76.1 apply.
- 1.7 Boats in Doublehanded classes are not eligible for an additional spinnaker beyond those specified on their rating certificates.
- 1.11 PHRF entries may use electric or hydraulic winches, no rating declaration is required.
- 1.12 For Doublehanded classes only, RRS 52 is changed by adding: However, the rudder may be adjusted and operated by an autopilot using power that is not provided by the crew.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Boats must have a minimum LOA of 27 feet. Boats fully crewed or double handed boats must hold a valid ORC/ORCi or West Florida PHRF rating. The Race Committee reserves the right to disallow entry of any yacht at their sole discretion that is considered to be unsuited to this event.
  - 2.1.3 Multihull entries will be accepted with a MOCRA rating.
  - 2.1.4 PHRF entries shall have a valid West Florida PHRF Buoy Rating of 160 or less.

### 4 ENTRY

- 4.2 The Entry Deadline is November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Early Entry Deadline is September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 4.4 Ratings and preliminary class assignments shall be posted on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 4.5 Entries may be completed online at [www.sorcsailing.org/st-pete-lauderdale-race](http://www.sorcsailing.org/st-pete-lauderdale-race).

## 5 ENTRY FEES AND DOCKAGE

5.1 Entry Fees and Early Entry Fees are as follows:

<i>Hull LOA</i>	<i>Entry Fee</i>	<i>Early Entry Fee</i>
Under 50'	\$600	\$500
50' or greater	\$700	\$600

5.3 Saint Petersburg Yacht Club dockage will be provided without charge up to capacity from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November until the 20<sup>th</sup> November for competitors. Multihulls will be accepted as space permits.

## 6 SCHEDULE

Early Entry Deadline	September 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Entry Deadline	November 13 <sup>th</sup>
Rating Certificate Deadline	November 6 <sup>th</sup>
Class Assignments posted	November 8 <sup>th</sup>
Sailing Instructions Posted	October 29 <sup>th</sup>
Mandatory Skippers Meeting	November 19 <sup>th</sup>
First Warning Signal	November 20 <sup>th</sup>
Awards Party - Lauderdale YC	November 23 <sup>rd</sup>

## 7 COURSES

The course shall be from the start line located in the vicinity of Tampa Bay Cut C Lower Range (Iso R 6s 27° 39.8 N - 082° 37.2 W), Southwesterly through the center three spans and associated fenders of the Skyway Bridge, round Southwest Channel Entrance Bell Buoy 1 to port, rounding Rebecca Shoal Lighted Buoy 4 and to the finish line at the Port Everglades 'PE' Buoy, staying seaward of a series of marks and waypoints.

## 8 SAFETY

8.1 Two persons on board shall hold a current World Sailing Hands-on Safety At Sea Certificate except for a Double Handed entry; in which case one person is required to hold a current World Sailing Hands-on Safety At Sea Certificate.

8.2 Each boat shall carry non-electronic charts appropriate for the race area, including NOAA chart numbers 11415, 11420, 11434, 11450, 11469, and 11470.

8.4 All boats must conform to the current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Ocean Racing with the following changes or additions:

8.4.1 In addition to the stated methods of meeting 2.2.1 Stability within the current Monohull SER Ocean U.S. Sailing document, boats may also satisfy their stability requirement for this race by complying with the Following:

Boats shall have at least one of the following, or be a true sistership of a boat that does:

- a) A minimum ORC Stability Index of 115
  - b) A minimum ORR Stability Limit of 115
  - c) A minimum RORC SSSN of 28
  - d) A minimum IRC STIX of 32
  - e) Meet the requirements of ISO 12217-2A
- 8.4.2 Operative VHF/FM transceiver with Channels 9, 16, 68, 71 and 72. (DSC and GMDSS equipped and MMSI registered VHF radios are required per SER 3.8.1 and 3.8.2.)
- 8.4.3 An operational AIS Transponder shall be carried and be switched on, such that it is receiving and transmitting throughout the race. Other rules may have additional AIS requirements.
- 8.4.4 SER 3.39 Life Raft is modified to include: the life raft is required to have a canopy, but does not need to have an insulated floor. It shall contain at a minimum a 24 hr. pack (ISO 9650 Pack 2) or the Pack 2 equipment specified in WS Offshore Special Regulations 4.20.2 contained in a grab bag that has inherent floatation. It may be stowed in a valise in an immediately accessible location beside the companionway provided that it does not weigh more than 88lb.
- 8.4.5 Two SOLAS smoke flares shall be carried on board.
- 8.4.6 SER 13.16.1 is modified to include that a boat shall carry a 406MHz EPIRB that is water and manually activated and is registered to the boat. This device shall be equipped with an internal GPS.
- 8.4.7 Engine and Fuel (SER 2.7.1): SER 2.7.1 is amended as follows: A boat shall have a mechanical propulsion system that is quickly available and capable of driving the boat at a minimum speed in knots equivalent to the square root of LWL in feet (1.81 times the square root of the waterline in meters) with sufficient fuel to provide range under power for 120 miles.
- 8.4.8 The following additional safety requirements apply to Doublehanded classes.
- 8.4.8.1 The VHF/FM transceiver required by SNOR 8.1.2 shall be switched on and accessible from the cockpit at all times while afloat.
  - 8.4.8.2 Each crew shall carry a Personal AIS MOB locator beacon whilst wearing their lifejacket. A lifejacket which shall be worn at all times. The Personal AIS MOB beacon may be considered to be a substitution for a personal EPIRB beacon.
  - 8.4.8.3 Both crew members shall have attended a half-day, one-day, or two-day U.S. Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 5 years, including online courses when available, or hold a valid U.S. Sailing Safety at Sea Certificate, or have attended other courses as accepted by U.S. Sailing or another national authority. One crewmember shall hold a current World Sailing Hands-on Safety At Sea Certificate.
  - 8.4.8.4 Each boat shall have a permanently mounted magnetic compass independent of the boat's electrical system suitable for steering at sea (this changes SER 3.19.1).
  - 8.4.8.5 The mainsail shall have reef points capable of reducing at least 20% of the sail's area.

8.5 Multihull Division boats are required to carry life rafts as in 7.2.4 above. An immersion (Survival) suit for each person on board, having an inherent reserve buoyancy of at least 15.5 lbs and that otherwise meets SOLAS requirements is also recommended.

**9 AWARDS PARTY**

9.1 The Awards Party will be at the Lauderdale Yacht Club on November 23<sup>th</sup> at 1800 hrs.

**10 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES**

10.1 The racing shall be scored ORC. A PHRF Class may be scored should there be at least four entries.

**12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

12.1 Sailing Instructions shall be posted by October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**13 SKIPPERS MEETING**

13.1 The Skippers Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1800 hrs. at the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club.

**14 PRIZES**

14.1 The LL “Lew” McMasters Memorial Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Winner of the ORC fleet. A second perpetual trophy may be awarded to the PHRF and/or Multihull classes.

For More Information:

[www.sorcsailing.org/st-pete-lauderdale-race](http://www.sorcsailing.org/st-pete-lauderdale-race)

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